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FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT BRUSSELS AIRPORT, SATURDAY, MARCH 26:

BEGIN STATEMENT:

SECRETARY VANCE: GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT'S FITTING THAT MY FIRST STOP ON EUROPEAN SOIL SHOULD BE HERE IN BRUSSELS, THE CAPITAL OF AN OLD FRIEND AND ALLY, THE HEADQUARTERS OF NATO, AND THE SEAT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. ALTHOUGH MY VISIT WILL BE A VERY BRIEF ONE, IT UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES. THE RELATIONSHIPS WHICH WE HAVE WITH OUR UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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EUROPEAN ALLIES ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO MY MEETINGS TODAY WITH NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS AND WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY WILL CENTER UPON MY TRIP TO MOSCOW AND THE ITEMS WHICH I WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH THE SOVIETS IN RUSSIA.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

END STATEMENT

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